

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**At page 18, please replace paragraph [0045] with the following paragraph:**

Table 3 summarizes the distribution of number of genotypes in this patient cohort. Of the 711 Chinese ~~Type~~ Type 2 diabetic patients, 64 (9.0%) had 0 or 1 risk genotype, 176 (24.8%) had 2 risk genotypes, 290 (40.8%) had 3 risk genotypes and 181 (25.5%) had 4 or 5 risk genotypes. Compared to patients with  $\leq 1$  risk genotype, the odds ratio of having nephropathy increased from 1.4 (95% CI 0.8-2.4,  $P=0.3$ ) to 1.8 (95% CI 1.1-1.3,  $P=0.03$ ) and to 2.0 (95% CI 1.1-3.6,  $P=0.02$ ) in patients with 2, 3 and  $\geq 4$  risk genotypes, respectively ( $P=0.006$  for trend) (FIG. 1).